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The Old Story.

Come sit by me, Katy, and tell me

Of what he was talking last night,

When you stood at the gate till the sunbeams

Had quenched all their stars with their light.

You come back with cheeks glowing crimson,

And eyelashes glittering with tears,

And a smile which, half sad, half triumphant,

Still over your sad mouth appears.

Did he talk of the beauty of summer?

Or praise the wild rose perfume?

Or speak of arbutos so rustic,

Where woodbine and jessamine bloom?

"He told you a story!" Oh, did he?

Well, Katy, dear, tell it to me.

"You've almost forgot it?" Already!

How very much I should like to hear.

You say you "think I may guess it!"

Yes, Katy, the story I know;

'Tis the old tale, yet always a sweet one:

I'm certain that you found it so.

'Twas new in the first days of Adam,

When, wandering through Eden's fair bowers,

In Eve's little ear was whispered,

While she, blushing, played with the flowers,

You're blushing, too; what is the matter?

Why, what are you crying about?

Your grandfather told your grandmother

The very same story, no doubt.

Just three little words tell the story--

What thousands of hearts they have thrilled!

How many with joy they have gladdened!

How many with sorrow have filled!

These three little words are: "I love you!"

You see 'tis the very same tale

That you heard last night by the woodbine,

Beneath the moon's silvery veil.

Don't say I know nothing about it--

You know very well it is true.

But, Katy, my dear, did you tell him

The same story that he told you?

New York Season.

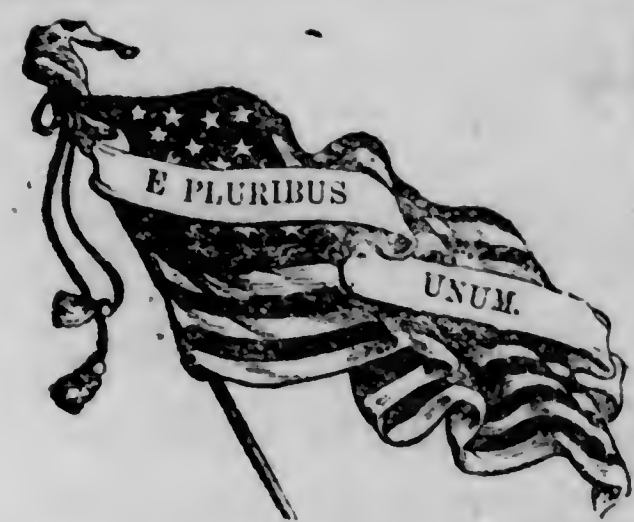
A correspondent of the Cincinnati

Commercial thus speaks of the gayety

of the New York season:

The metropolis was never gayer, by

THE HOMESTEAD



WINNEBAGO CITY, MINN.

MARCH 7 1866.

J. L. CHRISTIE, Editor.

We would like to know why it is that express matter coming from the East, all goes to Mankato, when there is an express line running direct to this place from Rochester. We fail to see the point to any such arrangement, and decidedly object to any such things. We believe when a package is expressed, the company obligate themselves to deliver it safely at its destination if there is an express line there, if not then to the nearest express point. We have a competent express company that run their line direct to this place, yet all our express matter is sent to Mankato unless it is specially ordered to be sent by the other line. It is a two handed game, this going to Mankato. It gives Burbank & Co., a chance to carry the freight about one hundred miles further, and then gives the Blue Earth City Stage company a chance to swindle the people along its route out of something for carrying the freight over their line. It costs as much to get a package from Mankato here, 33 miles, as it does by regular express rates for one hundred miles. To get a bundle of paper (50 lbs) from Mankato it costs 63 cents; for a small package on which the express charges from Chicago to Mankato was five cents, the charges from Mankato here was twenty-five cents, or five times as much as the express charges, and three times as much as the original cost of the article carried.

These are small amounts when taken separately, we know, but when computed by the year, it amounts to no small tax. There is a "nigger in the fence" somewhere, most probably at Rochester. Let him be where he may, he had better look sharp, for he don't send express matter as it should be sent, he may get caught. We might respect the highwayman who boldly steps out, and with revolver in hand, demands our money, but these express and stage robberies are becoming too heavy to be longer endured.

The first freight was carried over the Southern Minnesota Railroad on the 30th of December last. The La Crosse Republican of January 2d, says:

"The first freight over the Southern Minnesota Railroad came in from Hokah on Saturday. Between three and four hundred barrels of flour were discharged from the cars opposite the city, and conveyed to the depot of the La Crosse Railroad, by teams. So the Southern Minnesota Railroad was in working order before the end of the year 1865."

The Reconstruction Committee have reported to congress a resolution as an amendment to the Constitution, fixing the basis of representation so as to exclude from it, all those who are excluded from the right of suffrage on account of race or color. The resolution passed the House on the 31st ult., by a vote of 120 to 46. The Senate will also, in all probability adopt the resolution, when it will then be submitted to the several State Legislatures for their adoption. When three-fourths of the several Legislatures have ratified the resolution, one important step toward the reconstruction of the Union will be taken. The following is the resolution and article as it passed the House:

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, (two thirds of both houses concurring), that the following article be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of the said Legislatures, shall be valid as part of said Constitution, viz:

ARTICLE.—

Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union according to their respective numbers, counting the whole of persons in each State, including Indians not taxed: Proviso, That whenever the elective franchise shall be denied or abridged in any State on account of race or color, all persons of such race or color shall

be excluded from the basis of representation.

The duties collected on importations in the district of Minnesota amounted for the year 1865 to \$50,832.29.

Mr. Lowell introduced a Bill on the 19th ult., providing "For an act to authorize the trustees of the several organized School Districts of this State or those that may hereafter be organized, to issue School District Bonds." This is one step in the right direction. We may yet see the time when our State will be abundantly supplied with good schools and school houses. The following is the bill.

Sec. 1. That the trustees of any school district in this State, be and the same are hereby authorized and fully empowered to issue the bonds of said district (with coupons) in such amounts and at such periods, as they may be directed by a majority of all the legal voters in said district at any legally called meeting of the same; said bonds to be payable in equal amounts, in one, two, three, four, five and six years from date, with interest not exceeding twelve per cent. per annum, payable annually, which bonds and coupons shall be signed by the Director, and countersigned by the clerk of said district.

Sec. 2. No bonds issued under authority of this act shall be so issued or negotiated by said board of trustees for less than par value; nor shall said bonds or the proceeds thereof be used or appropriated for any purpose whatever, other than in the purchase of a site for said district, or in the erection, completion and furnishing of a school house in and for said district.

Sec. 3. Said board of trustees, or their successors are hereby authorized, and it is hereby made their duty, on or before the first day of September next, after the date of said bonds, and each and every year thereafter, on or before the first day of September, until the payment of said bonds and interest is fully provided for, to levy, and in due form certify to the auditor of the county in which said district is situated, a tax upon the taxable property of said district, equal to the amount of principal and interest maturing next after such levy, and in the discretion of said board, such further sum as it shall deem expedient, not exceeding twenty per cent. of such maturing bonds and interest, which taxes shall be payable in money, and shall constitute a fund for the payment of said bonds and the interest thereon.

Sec. 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Mr. Shillock introduced a Bill on the 18th ult., "For an act proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, so as to bring the Railroad Companies under control of the State." We like the bill. The following is the proposed amendment:

Sec. 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of this State is hereby proposed for publication and approval or rejection by the people, in accordance with Section one of Article fourteen, of the Constitution, that is to say, that there be added after section thirty-one of Article four of the Constitution of this State, the following section:

Sec. 32. No future act of the Legislature in favor of and concerning any Railroad Company shall be valid or of any effect whatsoever, unless such act shall expressly reserve to the Legislature the right:

1st. To regulate and to fix the price for and the terms on which such Railroad Company shall dispose of all the lands that may have been heretofore or may be hereafter granted by this State to such company, to actual settlers on such lands.

2d. To regulate and fix the rate of freight and transportation on the Railroad of such company, within the limits of this State.

3d. To change, to alter, to amend and to repeal the charter of such company, and any acts amendatory to such charter.

Sec. 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people of the several districts of this State, for their approval or rejection at the next general election, to wit: on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November, in the year 1866. The ballots at such election shall be written or printed as follows: Those in favor of this amendment,—"For State Control of Railroad Companies." Those against this amendment,—"Against State control Railroad Companies." The poles at said election shall open and close at the same time, and be conducted in the same manner, and the same notice shall be given of this election as is or may be directed by law for electing State officers, and the returns thereof shall be made, certified and canvassed in the manner provided by law for returning and canvassing votes for State officers; and if it shall appear from said returns and canvass, that a majority of voters present and voting at said election have ratified the proposed amendment the same shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as a part of the Constitution of this State, and the Governor shall make proclamation thereof and incorporate the foregoing amendment in the Constitution and deposit the said election returns in the office of the Secretary of State.

Sec. 3. Besides the publication prescribed by existing laws, this act is hereby directed to be published in all the newspapers of this State, for which publication the same rate of compensation is hereby fixed as for similar insertions in the official paper of the Legislature.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

STATE ITEMS.

Mad Dogs.—The people in the western portion of Fillmore and eastern portion of Mower counties have been greatly excited by the presence of mad dogs during the past two weeks. In the neighborhood of Frankford, Mower county, we are informed several persons have been bitten, while the number of horses, cattle, &c., reported bitten is innumerable. In the town of Spring Valley we learn there are not six dogs left alive, for which the inhabitants ought to be devoutly thankful. Mrs. Norman Kingsley, of the latter place, caught one of the rapid canines and held it until it was killed. Many of the horses bitten have been traded off with the knowledge of their condition upon the part of their new owners, who take the risk in consideration of good bargains. We believe none of the persons or animals bitten have as yet shown any symptoms of hydrophobia.—Preston Rep.

FROZEN TO DEATH.—A young man named Day, teaching school in Viola, Olmstead county, was frozen to death on Friday night last, while going from the school house to his boarding place. His body was found on Saturday morning, frozen stiff, leaning in an easy attitude against a fence, in sight of a house, and within a mile of his home.

FROZEN.—We learn that a man was frozen to death near Marion on Saturday night last. All we have been able to learn is, that the man left Marion with his team and after going two or three miles drove up to a house and alarmed the inmates by his cries. When the persons in the house came out they found the team but could not find the man, nor could he be found until the next morning, when his body was discovered in a snow drift frozen stiff. We did not learn the name of the unfortunate man.—Chatfield Dem.

FROZEN.—We learn that two men were frozen to death near High Forest, this county, on Saturday last. We could learn no particulars.—Chatfield Dem.

FROZEN.—We are informed by Tarrant Putnam that Messrs M. E. Barr and J. Deeth were badly frozen on Saturday last. They were traveling on foot from Buffalo Lake, in this county, to St. Mary. Mr. Barr froze both feet one of them so that it has turned black. He also froze his face and one of his ears very badly. He was nearly exhausted when he reached Mr. Younglove's house, and thinks he could not have lived to have gone much further. Mr. Deeth frosted his toes on both feet but was not so seriously injured as Mr. Barr. Mr. Putnam says it is quite probable that Mr. Barr will lose some of his toes.—Wilton News.

THIS Preston Republican says that a lady 70 years of age, named Everson, was frozen to death in Harmony township, this county, on Friday night of last week. She had attempted to go to the school house after her grandchild.

A sharp transaction occurred in this county a few days since, the particulars of which we learn from Sheriff King. It appears that a man named Austin, residing in the western portion of Winona county, was the owner of a farm, which he sold to Mr. Woodruff, obtaining therefor \$1,900 in cash. Austin immediately came down to Winona, and before the deed given to Woodruff was placed on record, induced a second man to purchase the farm, from whom he received \$1,500 in cash. The second purchaser put his deed on record without delay, and thus became the actual owner of the property, while Woodruff came on too late, to find that he had been swindled, Austin having absconded meantime. Officers are on the track of Austin, who was last heard from on the way to Milwaukee.—Winona Republican.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—We are informed that Mr. William Ivers, of Richland lost one of his eyes last week, while at Albert Lea, in Freeborn county. It appears that he went into the stable after dark, for some purpose, and one of the cattle hooked him in the eye, knocking it out of the socket. It hung by the ophthalmic nerve, however, and was immediately replaced by those near at hand. The eye is very much inflamed, and he will be fortunate if he does not lose both eyes.—Wilton News.

THE LADY'S FRIEND.—The Best of the Monthlies devoted to Fashion and Pure Literature. \$2.50 a year; two copies \$4. Right (and one gratis) \$16. WHEELER & WILSON'S SEWING MACHINES given as Premiums. Send 15 cents for a sample copy to DEACON & PETERSON, 319 Walnut St., Philadelphia.

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The undersigned takes this method of informing the people of Faribault and surrounding Counties, that he has for sale on reasonable terms a fine lot of

Horses, Mules & Cattle!! This stock may be seen and examined at my place in the town of Dunbar, Faribault County, 16th St. L. C. TAYLOR & Son.

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Take pleasure in informing the people of Winnebago City and surrounding country, that they have on hand a large stock of assorted Liquors consisting in part of

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Also an endless supply of choice

Cigars, Fresh Pine Apples, Fresh Peaches, Cove Oysters, Fresh Blackberries, Sardines, Raspberries, Fresh Lobsters, Strawberries, and

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All kinds of Fancy Candies, also the very best of Fine-cut Tobacco, &c. &c.

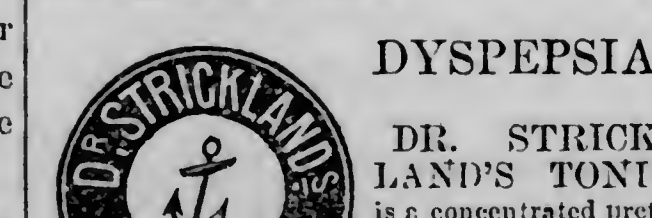
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Tax payers of Martin County,

Notice is hereby given that the assessment for the year 1866, on each dollar valuation of property in said county, is as follows, to wit: State Revenue and Interest, 6 mills School Tax, 25 " County Tax, including special Poor, 25 " Town tax, 4-10 " Town tax, 5 " Nevada, 4-10 " Fairmount, 5 " Centre Creek, 10 " Nashville, 26 " Special Tax, 10 " Sch'l Dist. No. 2 3 3-10 " Sch'l Dist. No. 5 11 1-10 " " " 4 13 " " " 7 14 5-10 " " " 9 2 " " " 10 21 5-10 " " " 12 15 3-10

Also that the Treasurer will meet the tax payers of Martin county to receive taxes at the following times and places, to wit: Waverly.—At the house of George S. Fowler from three o'clock P. M. on Friday, February 24, 1866, to three o'clock P. M. of the following day. Nashville.—On Monday, February 5th, at the house of Wm. Robbins. Centre Creek.—From 12 o'clock M. February 6th, to 12 o'clock M. of the day following, at the house of John Whitney. Nevada.—On Tuesday, February 13th, at the house of Dr. G. Shaver. Fairmount.—At the county House on Thursday and Friday of each week. The Treasurer will be required to settle for the personal property tax on the 20th day of February, 1866. Tax payers will please take notice. A. C. HAND, Treasurer of Martin Co. Minn.

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Founding its claims to favor and patronage to Merit Alone.

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The FIRST of Fire Insurance Companies.

And insures at rates as liberal as the risks assumed permit for safety and fair profit.

Losses Equitably Adjusted and PROMPTLY PAID.

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for Men and Boys, Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps, &c., &c.

We keep constantly on hand a full assortment of goods in our line, and warrant their superiority in style, quality and price.

Persons visiting Mankato will do well to give us a call before purchasing elsewhere.

RANDALL & SMITH, Mankato, Minn. Dec. 6, 1865.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Settle Up.

By the first of February next our books must be settled by cash or notes. All those wanting to save cost and trouble will do well to call at our store and make a settlement before that time, as we shall then send some one out on collecting tour. That being expensive we shall insist on the money. All accounts not settled by the time mentioned, will be left with a Justice for collection. MOULTON & DEUDON

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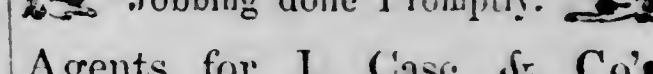
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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

WINNEBAGO CITY, MARCH 7, 1886.
County Orders for sale at this Office.

Hon. Alex Ramsey will please accept our thanks for valuable Pub. Docs. sent us.

Cold.—The thermometer showed twenty-four degrees below zero, on Sunday morning last. People ought to be able to keep cool on such days.

Read the Notice of L. C. Taylor & Son, to be found elsewhere. If report speaks correctly these gentlemen have as fine a lot of stock as were ever brought to Minnesota.

We would recommend to our Legislature that it pass a law providing that ninety-nine per cent of all the dogs in the State of Minnesota shall be killed on or before the 1st day of April 1886. There is altogether too many of the canine specie running round loose.

The friends of temperance have once more got the temperance ball rolling in this town. The lodge numbers some thirty members, and is daily increasing. The members of this society have got a good field to work in, and much good may yet be accomplished, and many tipplers reclaimed, even in Winnebago City.

We had the pleasure of shaking the hand of our old friend and late brother soldier, James Hankinson of St. Paul, the other day. James is at his old trade, buying fur, and said he was doing a good business this winter. James is a gay boy, and we wish him all the success imaginable.

The Donation given at Mr. Van Nieu's on Thursday eve last, for the benefit of Rev. J. E. Conrad was a decided success. The receipts footed up \$83, sixty-five of which was cash. This we think is doing remarkably well considering the very short notice given. His card of thanks will be found in another column.

J. H. Huntington of this place, has erected during the past week, the frame to quite a large building to be used for a Blacksmith and Wagon shop. A wagon shop has long been needed here, and we are glad to know that our wants in this respect are about to be supplied.

In Town.—Messrs. Dr. Frisbie, J. F. Meagher, Grove Hart, Shaubut and D. S. Law of Mankato paid us a flying visit one day last week, and a better lot of fellows can not be found. We would say here, that Dr. Frisbie is one of the firm of Lewis & Frisbie, Drug Gists of Mankato, where every variety of Drugs, School Books, first brands of liquors for medicinal purposes; also a fine assortment of jewelry at all times be found.

J. F. Meagher is the proprietor of one of the largest Hardware establishments this side of the Mississippi River, where every article in that line from a carpet tack to the breaking plow, may be found. Persons in want of Hardware will do well to buy of Mr. Meagher.

Mr. Burt is proprietor of a first class Hotel, the "Mankato House" where all who consult their own comfort and welfare stop.

The Grist Mill in this place is now doing as good work and as much of it, as any mill in the State of the same power. Of late the proprietor has been grievously troubled with parts of the machinery breaking and getting out of repair. He has been cost many trips to Faribault and Northfield to have repairing done. He had a job done at one of these places a short time since and thought everything was in ship shape and his trouble ended. He started the mill but still it did not do what it might. In one night or twelve hours with steady work, the most he could do was to grind seven hundred pounds of flour, and in doing this burned seven cords of wood, and even at this rate it only ran a few days, when it again broke down. This time having seen in the Homestead the card of the Mankato Foundry, they concluded to take their work to Mankato. When it was returned they found it neatly and well executed. The mill has now been running some time, and, as we have said, doing splendid execution. They now grind in one night two tons of flour and only burn five cords of wood. Mr. Rhodes, the pro-

pretor of the mill, wishes us to say that the best mechanical work he has ever had done to his mill, he has had done at the Foundry and Machine Shop of C. W. Barney & Co. of Mankato. A word to the wise is sufficient.

CARD.

Ed. of HOMESTEAD:
The undersigned ask permission through your paper, to present their sincere thanks to all concerned, for contributions received at a recent donation held at the house of Bro. Van Nieu, amounting to eighty-three dollars, sixty-five of which was in Green Backs; and were it not for fear of incurring the displeasure of the Government, we would say that the remainder was better than Green Backs. We must, however be permitted to specify a beautiful patented, carpeted and lanterned Foot Stove. We tried the virtue of this stove on our way home and found it the very thing for Minnesota, and would recommend them to every one who wants to ride with warm feet in cold weather. The donor has our sincere thanks.

We had a time of peculiar interest. 1st, Mr. Van Nieu and his good lady and daughters had taken great pains to prepare the house for the comfort of the company.

2d, A large number of friends of different denominations, and of no denomination, all enjoying themselves according to will.

3d, One of the best of suppers composed of a variety of premium cakes, and the best pies, and chickens, and turkeys, and hot coffee, cold water &c. 4th, And last of all but not least, we had some of the best vocal and melodious music the country can afford. This was much enriched by the voice of Jesse Dunham, who, though not an old man, is our veteran singer.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Phipps reported the amount and Mrs. White put into our hands the above mentioned sum. It was quite a surprise and we tried to say something, we hardly knew what.

After an appropriate prayer by Rev. Mr. Chubbuck, the crowd dispersed, all feeling that they had had a pleasant time, leaving us feeling much better and \$83 richer than when we went. They all have our thanks.

J. E. & E. M. CONRAD.

NEWS ITEMS.

Important to Soldiers.

There has been a bill introduced into the House of Representatives, and which has been read twice and ordered to be printed, giving to those who entered the army prior to June 25th 1863, the following bounties: Those who served thirty days and not more than three months, forty acres of land; those who served three months and not exceeding six months, eighty acres of land; those who served six months and not exceeding one year, eighty acres of land and fifty dollars; those who served exceeding one year and not more than two, eighty acres of land and one hundred dollars; those who served exceeding two years, one hundred and sixty acres of land and one hundred dollars. This embraces commissioned and non commissioned officers, privates, &c. The act extends to the heirs of any person who shall have died, who, if living, would be entitled to the above bounties.

HORRIBLE DEATH.—A heart rending accident occurred at the mills of Major Warren, on Beale street yesterday, which resulted in the almost immediate death of a Miss J. Denman, of Port Gibson, Mississippi.

Miss Denman came to this city several days ago, and was to return home on Monday to make preparations for her approaching marriage with Major Warren, of Port Gibson, to whom she had been engaged for some time. She had purchased, do doubt, her bridal trousseau, and was happily contemplating the event so soon to transpire. Yesterday, in company with two young ladies of this city, Miss Capers and Miss Walker, she visited the mills above mentioned; inspection of the premises was suggested, to which ready assent was given. Approaching too near the machinery, Miss Denman's dress was caught, and she was drawn between two wheels and mangled in a horrible manner. She survived but a few minutes. —Memphis Bulletin, December 23d.

A young lady advertises in the Rochester Democrat that she lost a character, hat and plume at the masquerade ball. Nothing unusual in that, but the unfortunate loser generally allow their acquaintances to publish the fact.

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Our room is not very capacious, but we will endeavor to keep it full, and with such goods as the people want. We hope in the spring to have a more commodious room.

We invite all to call and see us and our goods in the new store next door South of Richardson's Grocery. Winnebago City, Nov. 15, 1885. JAMES JOHNSON.

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I am determined not to be undersold by any firm this side of St. Paul. The patronage of the public is respectfully solicited. v3m7y1 A. D. MASON.

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Notice is hereby given that by virtue, and in pursuance of an order of the court, made in said matter, on the 11th day of November 1885, by the Probate court of said county the undersigned administrator of said estate will, on the 13th day of December 1885, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the house on the premises hereinafter described offer for sale at public vendue that parcel of land lying in the town of Winnebago City, in said county, described as lots number nine (9) and ten (10), in block number seven (7), of Easton's addition to Winnebago City according to the plat thereof, on file in the office of the Register of Deeds at Blue Earth City in said county of Faribault.

Terms of sale will be made known at the time and place of sale.

Dated December 4th 1885:

H. A. D. JOHNSON, Administrator

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Having had several years experience in one of the best establishments in Philadelphia, I can assure the public that all work is done in my charge will be executed in the neatest and most durable manner.

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Candles, Lard Oil, Kerosene Oil, and Machin Oil at

BANKS.--All kinds of Blanks for sale at this Office.

NEW SAW MILL

MASON & READ have just started a new Saw Mill at Vernon Centre, Blue Earth Co., where lumber of all kinds can be had at all times at reasonable rates. Sawing done to order.

Vernon Centre, Oct. 29th. 1-3-ly.

SELECT POETRY.

Romance.

BY OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

Oh! she was a maid of laughing eye,

And she lived in a garret cold and high;

And he was a threadbare, whiskered beau,

And he lived in a cellar damp and low.

But the rosy boy of the cherub wing,

Hath many a shaft for his slender string

And the youth below and the maid above

Were touched with the flashing darts of love.

And she would wake from her troubled sleep,

O'er his tender billit-dove to weep;

Or stand like a statue cold and fair,

And gaze on a look of his bright red hair.

And he who was so tall and proud,

With his step so firm and laugh so loud,

His beard grew long and his face grew thin,

And he pined in solitude over his gin.

But one soft night in the month of June,

As he lay in the light of a cloudless moon,

A voice came floating soft and clear

To the startled maiden's listening ear.

Oh, then from her creaking couch she sprang,

And her tangled tresses back she flung;

She looked from the window far below,

And he stood beneath--her whiskered beau!

She did not start with a foolish frown,

But packed up her trunk and scamper'd down;

And there was her lover, tall and true,

In his threadbare coat of the brightest blue.

The star that rose in the evening shade,

Looked sadly down on a weeping maid;

The sun that came in the morning pride

Shed golden light o'er a laughing bride.

The Freedmen's Bureau.

Speech of Senator Trumbull.

The following is a careful and correct abstract of Senator Trumbull's able speech, on the bill to enlarge the power of the Freedmen's Bureau, and in reply to Senator Hendricks, Mr. Trumbull said:

"The design of the Freedmen's Bureau, is to care for and protect the negro and mulatto and others, who as a result of the war have been thrown helpless on the government. The Bureau already exists, and the authority to establish it is settled so far as it can be by legislative action. The authority to create such a bureau is to be found in the war powers conferred by the Constitution upon Congress in the provision which declares that the citizens of each State shall be entitled to all the privileges of citizens in the several States; and the recently adopted amendments abolishing slavery conferring on Congress authority to enforce the amendment by appropriate legislation.

The exercise of war powers does not terminate with the conflict of arms, but continues until peace is completely restored and civil authority firmly re-established, beyond any reasonable danger of interruption. The people of the rebellious States are still under military control, and the State Governments which have been set up would be instantly set aside if they undertook to interfere with the military authority. They are allowed to assist in preserving order.

The President still continues the writ of habeas corpus suspended. The army is constantly exercising military authority in all the insurrectionary States. The Freedmen's Bureau is part of the military establishment, and may, therefore, until civil jurisdiction is completely restored, exercise in the rebellious States any military powers conferred upon it. The exercise of its judicial powers is limited to that period.

Other powers conferred are based on the Constitutional amendment, which, in abolishing slavery, abolishes the incidents of slavery. All laws denying to colored people civil rights, had their origin in slavery, and were enacted in its support. They must necessarily fall with slavery, and Congress in legislation to prohibit slavery, has authority to annul all incidents in support of it. In the accomplishment of this great object all the departments of the Government can co-operate.

The President is pledged in his message to the principle of securing equal and exact justice to all men. This accomplished, a great obstacle to restoration will be removed; the friends of the freedmen will feel relieved when they see all the departments of Government harmonizing, and determined at all hazards, to make the colored race everywhere equal before the law. The people of the rebellious States, when they see this determination, will speedily

conform in their own legislation to what they see is inevitable.

Unity, firmness and resolution are what is now most needed. Slavery abolished, it is the true policy of those among whom it formerly existed to elevate and improve the negro. If they will adopt this policy with the same earnestness they formerly exerted to debasing and degrading the negro, and will treat with justice and fairness those among them who are, and have been loyal from the beginning, and honestly conform to what they admit to be inevitable, this Congress will not adjourn until all the States will be acting in full communion, and all the departments of the Government in harmonious accord. Instead of debates about abstract questions of reconstruction and hunting after points of divergence, let us act upon these practical measures, about which all can agree.

Dr. Hall on Failing Eye-sight.

When the sight is beginning to fail, the eyes should be favored as much as possible. This may be done--

1. By sitting in such a position as will let the light to fall upon the page, or sewing, obliquely over the shoulder.

2. By not using the eyes for such purposes by any artificial light, or before sunrise or after sunset.

3. By avoiding the special use of the eyes in the morning before breakfast.

4. By resting them for half a moment or so while reading, or sewing, or looking at small objects, by looking at things at a distance, or in the sky; relief is immediately felt in so doing.

5. Never pick any collected matter from the eyelashes or corners of the eye with the finger nails; rather moisten it with the saliva, and rub it away with the nail of the finger.

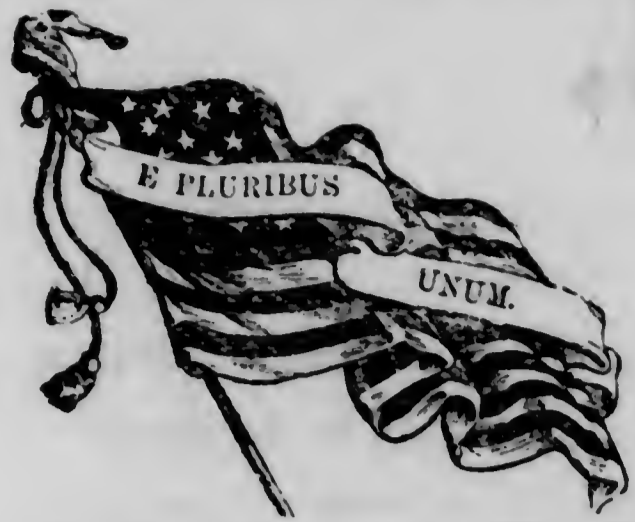
6. Frequently pass the balls of the fingers over the closed eyelids towards the nose, this carries off any excess of water into the nose itself by means of the little canal which leads into the nostrils from each corner of the eye, which canal tends to close up, in consequence of the slightest inflammation, which attends the weakness of the eye.

7. Keep the feet always warm and dry, so as to keep any excess of blood from the other end of the body.

8. Use eye-glasses at first, carried in the vest pocket, attached to a guard for they are instantly adjusted to the eye with very little trouble; whereas, if common spectacles are used, such a process is required to get them ready, that to save trouble the eyes are often strained to answer no purpose.

9. Wash the eye abundantly every morning. If cold water be used, let it be flapped against the closed eye with the fingers of the right hand, not striking hard

THE HOMESTEAD



WINNEBAGO CITY, MINN.

FEBRUARY 14 1866.

J. L. CHRISTIE Editor.

The proprietors of the Blue Earth City stage company are getting—in their own estimation—quite "port." We received another package over their line on Monday last, upon which was marked "charges 50 cents—25 cents allowed for our puff." We thank you—we would say *gentlemen*, if we thought God would ever forgive us the *lie*—so we term you only *beings*.—With this package comes another illustration of the express and stage monopoly. This package was a printer's "composing stick" which cost in Philadelphia, \$1.75, the weight of which will not exceed one pound. The express charges on this from Philadelphia to Mankato was \$2.50, and from Mankato here, 50 cents, making a freight tariff of \$3.30 upon \$1.75 worth of goods. Now if this is not a piece of high-handed stealing, Claud Duval never committed a theft. The express line which runs to this place direct from Rochester, is acknowledged by the American express company as a competent and reliable institution. This being the case, we again ask why it is that our express matter is not sent via Rochester and Austin in the care of Barnes & Davis' express company? The only answer there is to this question is, that Burbank controls the express business at Rochester, and instead of sending freight direct, he sends it via Mankato, and thus avails himself of every chance to victimize all who may be so unfortunate as to have goods sent by express. Besides paying these extra charges it takes three or four days longer to get our goods by way of Mankato, which makes it many times very annoying, as well as disadvantageous, to us. As for the puppies that run the Blue Earth Stage line, their day, like all other dogs, has nearly passed. A few more months and their chances for swindling the public will be "played out."

We would suggest that the Anti Monopoly Conventions include express and stage monopolies in their deliberations and actions. We again ask of Burbank & Co., that they send our express matter to us through the proper channel, viz, by Barnes & Davis' express line from Rochester, and not by way of Mankato.

We make the following extracts from the late speech of Mr. Stevens of Pennsylvania, on the Constitutional Amendment, and reply to a few statements made by Mr. Raymond of New York, a few days previous, on the same question:

"Mr. Stevens said they had been informed by high authority, through a pundit at the other end of the Capitol, that it was better not to amend the constitution, but to let it stand as it was. He held a very different view himself, and believed that this congress had intrusted to it a high duty no less important and no less efficient for the weal or woe of the country than the one intrusted to that august body who made the Declaration of Independence; and he believed that now, if they omitted to exercise that high duty, or subverted it, they would be held to account by this and future generations, and by all the world in favor of freedom, and that their names would go down to posterity with the same measure of applause or condemnation as they disposed of this subject so necessary to be treated honestly and justly for the benefit of every human being. Our fathers made a declaration of independence. That was—and what they intended it should be—the foundation of our government.

If the government had been placed on the principles of that declaration, the constitution never would have needed amendments at this time, for every human being would have been equal before the law, and could not have been interfered with except usurpation. But it so happened that when our fathers came to reduce the principle to

order, in the shape of organic law, the institution of slavery, hot from hell, appeared among them, increasing in volume since that time, and obstructing all their movements and acts, and preventing them from carrying out the principle of the Declaration of Independence in the organic law of the nation. But rather than to have no harmony among themselves they compounded their principles for what they deemed a greater good, believing that in a short time the instrument would be purified which they admitted to be clogged and dark with the institution of slavery. At that time only ninety bales of cotton left the country in a single year, but now 3,000,000; then but a few slaves comparatively existed and there was a population of 3,000,000 in the entire country of all classes.

Now the blacks have exceeded that entire number, and we have among us four millions of them, either to be treated as our fathers declared they should be treated, or oppressed by infamous tyranny that would deserve the execration of the human race. The time had, however, come, when they could make the constitution such as our fathers intended it. The time had come when, through blood, every stain had been washed out, unless they chose to re-establish slavery, which God forbid. The gentleman from New York, (Mr. Raymond,) and those above him, had said the Constitution needed no amendment. Mr. Stevens hoped never to live to see the day when he would be disgraced by such a sentiment. Now, the question was, when everything was in their power, when the rebels had lifted their paricidal hands against the country, had been vanquished, and had cut themselves off from every right by the law of nations and repudiated the Constitution of the United States, should they so rebuild the sacred edifice as to place it on a broad foundation of human rights and crush beneath their feet four millions of immortal beings? This was the question presented to them, and yet they were told no amendment was necessary.

Mr. Raymond here remarked that if the gentleman from Pennsylvania understood him as saying that he would not disturb the constitution, and that it was better without amendments than with them, he misunderstood him. He had explicitly conceded that on the very point of representation some amendment was necessary.

Mr. Stevens then replied to a portion of the remarks of Mr. Raymond delivered on Monday, saying that he admired the amiability of temper and tenderness of heart in speaking of those who were slain in the late conflict. The courage which sent so many men to death was to be the common boast of the nation and the pride of the country that so many rebels were their murderers. We are to consider the dead on both sides as the dead of the nation, the common dead over whom he (Mr. Stevens) supposed they were to raise monuments beside those of Reynolds, and others on the battlefield of Gettysburg; also to build high the monument of the rebel Barksdale, who, while a member of this body, had drawn a bowie knife to murder the representatives of the people. Instead of leaving them in the ditch, "unwept, unhonored and unsung," they were to be raised to the foremost rank of the nations dead, and poems were to be sung to their memory and we are to weep over them as the dead of America. Was there ever before such blasphemy as that? If the loyal dead were to be associated with the traitors who murdered them, they would, if they could have heard the ceremonies of the grave, and started forth in their winding sheets and stared him till they seared his eyeballs.

Mr. Raymond replied that he took it for granted that the gentleman could distinguish between courage, and the cause in which courage was shown. He was quite sure that there was no man on this floor who would not say that if the courage, persistence and determination of the rebels had been shown in a good cause, they would have been worthy of admiration and respect. In the speech he had made, he was speaking of courage as a quality of character, and not in favor of the cause; and that courage and duty shown in a common cause to sustain the republic would do honor to the American name, and would be treasured as a priceless possession for all time to come. As to building monuments and singing poems to the rebel dead, that was simply a figment of the prolific brain of the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

STATE ITEMS.

The Red Wing *Argus* states that on the 19th inst., Howard Libby and James Bartrom, of Welles Creek, started from Red Wing to take three or four young ladies to Squire Libby's in Featherstone five miles out. The roads were drifted full, and when near Rev. Mr. Tucker's residence, about four miles out, on the edge of the prairie they lost their way and proceeded a long distance out of the road. Finally Mr. Libby, who was driving, stopped the team, and, after covering the rest of the party with buffalo robes, started on foot to find the road or get help to take them to some shelter, and walked to his father's house. The moment he got into the house he fell down, unable to get up again, and it was discovered that his feet, hands, ears and a part of face were frozen so badly that it is not believed that he will be able to get out again this winter. Parties from Squire Libby's house immediately started in search of the others of young Libby's party. In the meantime Bartrom, leaving the girls as well protected from the cold as he could, had mounted one of the horses and rode in search of help. Seeing a light he rode toward it and reached the house of Mr. Tucker. Young Mr. Tucker went out with Bartrom and the two finally found the sleigh. The young ladies had kept covered up, yet two of them suffered greatly from the cold and had their hands and feet frosted. They were all, they said just ready to go to sleep. They were taken at once to Mr. Tucker's house and properly cared for. Bartrom's feet and ears were frozen but not so bad but he will soon be cured.

State School Fund.

In no State is the endowment for the support of schools more ample, or better secured for the benefit of posterity. All are equally entitled to its advantages, and a thorough education is within reach of the humblest child residing in the State.

In every township, two sections of land are set apart, to be sold or leased for this purpose, amounting in aggregate to more than 2,500,000 acres.

The amount per capita at the last apportionment, was 23 cents. At the ensuing apportionment it will amount to 45 cents at least, and during the fiscal year to \$1.15; and this, notwithstanding the fact that the number of persons reported between the ages of 5 and 21 years, exceeds that of last year by upwards of 14,000. Taking the number of scholars reported the current year as a basis of division, and the showing is \$1.94 1-3 to each, a sum which would maintain a respectable school three months in the year, without additional aid—paying in a school of 50 scholars a male teacher \$31 per month, and in a school of 75 scholars, an additional female teacher \$16.

"This exhibit springs from an expenditure of but two years of sales, and involves the disposal of 90,440 acres of land only, being little more than one fourteenth of the whole number of surveyed lands in the State.

"Supposing the balance of these lands to be sold at the minimum price of \$5 per acre, and we have a total, the interest on which at seven per cent. would produce an annual school fund of nearly half a million of dollars. The lands unsurveyed are left out of the account."

Fire at Belle Plaine.

We learn from Mr. A. L. Larpen, who arrived from the Minnesota Valley last evening, that the Belle Plaine Flouring Mill was destroyed by fire on Sunday night last. There had been no fire in the mill since three o'clock on the previous Saturday. It is supposed to have been burned by an incendiary, as fire was found simultaneously in several places. The mill was built by the Belle Company in 1857, and cost about \$24,000. It was one of the best mills in the State. The loss falls heavily upon Sandford A. Hooper, Esq., the present proprietor, who had but a small insurance on the property. Mr. Hooper had about three thousand bushels of wheat on hand at the time, which of course is a total loss.—*St. Paul Press.*

A SAD ACCIDENT.—A week ago Wednesday, Mr. Elihu Ackerman, who lives a few miles south of Oronoco, in chopping a tree was caught under it, and laid so for some time, when he was extricated by Mr. Gerry and another neighbor. On taking him to his home it was ascertained that his back bone was dislocated. At the latest accounts he was still living, but has lost all use of the lower part of his body.—*Rockester Post.*

ANOTHER FIRE.—On Sunday morning last at about 1 o'clock, the dwelling house of Mrs. R. Meriam took fire and was totally consumed. This was a new building on Main street, north of Porter & Van Anden's store. The front part of the building was occupied by the family as a milliner's shop. We understand that much of the furniture, household goods, and millinery stock was saved. There was an insurance of \$1,000 on the building. The fire is supposed to have been communicated in some way from the stove. The store of Porter & Van Anden is only some twenty feet south of this building, and with a high north wind, it too must have been destroyed.—*Man. Ec.*

Cutting Post and Rail Timber.

This work should be done before the sap begins to circulate. It is a pretty well established fact that timber is more durable, cut in autumn or early winter, than if taken from the stump in the spring when every part is full of sap.

Posts intended for setting next spring should be cut immediately, without fail. Then strip off the bark and pile in such a manner as to promote their seasoning as much as possible. To have a post last well in the ground, the juices in it ought to be thoroughly dried up before it is set.

It is frequently impossible to split rails from large logs in frosty weather, and it is, likewise, disagreeable work to do when there is deep snow in the forest. Hence the getting out of rails is commonly deferred till spring. But the timber may be cut before that season. We would cut it in the fall, it is better to cut it now than to wait longer. The rail cuts may be sawn off and left till spring, and the tree tops worked into firewood.

Neither posts nor any timber that it is desirable to season should be set up endwise on the ground. If placed thus the moisture from the earth will ascend into the pores of the wood to a considerable distance, hence it will not season well and rapidly.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the District Court in and for the county of Blue Earth, Sixth Judicial District, State of Minnesota, dated the 30th day of January, 1866, to me directed and delivered upon a judgment rendered and docketed in said county on the 27th day of September 1865, in an action wherein Daniel Campbell, is plaintiff, and James Sherlock is defendant, in favor of the plaintiff, and against said defendant for the sum of two hundred and forty-nine dollars and seventy-five cents (\$249.75) and an attachment having been issued in said action and to the sheriff of said county delivered, by virtue of which said sheriff did on the 1st day of July, 1865, seize and on the second day of October, 1865, at the date of the docketing of said judgment was filed in the office of the Clerk of the District Court in and for Faribault County, and the said judgment therein docketed on the 1st day of October, 1865, and on the second day of October, 1865, at the date of the docketing of said judgment, levied upon all the right, title and interest which said James Sherlock had, in or to said premises when they were so attached, and at the date of the docketing of said judgment in Faribault County, or at any time thereafter.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of said execution, I will sell the above described lands and real estate, and all the right title and interest which said James Sherlock had therein on the first day of July, 1865, and on the second day of October, 1865, or at any time thereafter, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as the law directs, at the front door of the office of Register of Deeds, in and for the county of Faribault, at Blue Earth City, on the 29th day of March 1866, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to satisfy said execution, together with interest and costs and expenses thereof.

Dated February 13th 1866.
C. E. CHAPPEL,
Sheriff Faribault Co.

Tax payers of Martin County.

Notice is hereby given that the assessment for the year 1865, on each dollar valuation of property in said county, is as follows, to wit:

State Revenue and Interest,	6 mills
School Tax,	25 "
County Tax, including special Poor,	25 "
Town tax,	4 "
Waverly,	75 "
Centre Creek,	10 "

Special Tax.

Sch'l Dist. No. 2 3 3-10	mills
" " " " 4 13	"
" " " " 9 2	"
" " " " 12 15 5-10	"

Also that the Treasurer will meet the tax payers of Martin county to receive taxes at the following times and places, to wit:

Waverly.—At the house of George S. Fowler from three o'clock P. M. on Friday, February 23, 1866, to three o'clock P. M. of the following day.

Nashville.—On Monday, February 5th, at the house of Wm. Robbins.

Centre Creek.—From 12 o'clock M. February 6th, to 12 o'clock M. of the day following, at the house of John Whitney.

Nevada.—On Tuesday, February 13th, at the house of Dr. G. Shaver.

Fairmount.—At the county House on Thursday and Friday of each week.

The Treasurer will be required to settle for the personal property tax on the 20th day of February, 1866. Tax payers will please take notice.
A. C. HANDEL,
Treasurer of Martin Co. Minn.

STRANGE, BUT TRUE.

Every young lady and gentleman in the United States can hear something very much to their advantage by return mail (free of charge) by addressing the undersigned. Those having fears of being humbugged will oblige will oblige by not noticing this card. All others will please address their obedient servant,
J. H. CHAPMAN,
531 Broadway, New York.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HORSES, MULES & CATTLE For Sale.

The undersigned takes this method of informing the people of Faribault and surrounding Counties, that he has for sale on reasonable terms a fine lot of

Horses, Mules & Cattle!!

This stock may be seen and examined at my place in the town of Dunbar, Faribault County. 26w5
L. C. TAYLOR & Son.

BURSIE & PAYNE

Take pleasure in informing the people of Winnebago City and surrounding country, that they have on hand a large stock of assorted Liquors consisting in part of

Old Bourbon Whiskey,

Blackberry Brandy,

Old French Brandy, Port Wine,

Old Santa Cruz Rum,

Eleven o'clock Bitters,

Red Jacket Bitters,

Swain's Bourbon Bitters,

Cherry Brandy, Holland Gin,

Lager Beer, Wahoo Bitters,

Hostetter's Bitters, Alcohol.

Also an endless supply of choice

Cigars, Fresh Pine Apples.

Fresh Peaches Cove Oysters,

Fresh Blackberries, Sardiens

Raspberries, Fresh Lobsters,

Strawberries, and

Fresh Oysters!

All kinds of Fancy Candies,

also the very best of Fine-cut

Tobacco, &c. &c.

Second door South of Abbott &

Welch's. Give us a call.

14tf BURSIE & PAYNE.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Settle Up.

By the first of February next our books must be settled by cash or notes. All those wanting to save cost and trouble will do well to call at our store and make a settlement before that time, as we shall then send one out on a collecting tour. That being expensive we shall insist on the money. All accounts not settled by the time mentioned, will be left with a Justice for collection.
MOULTON & DEUDON

Notice.—All persons indebted to E. BURSIE are respectfully invited to call and settle up by the first of next month.
E. BURSIE.

Livery Stable!

J. A. KINCAID
takes pleasure in announcing to the public that he has opened a first class Livery Stable in Winnebago City, where good horses, sleighs, and buggies can be had at all times. Travelers arriving here by stage, called to any section of country where stages do not run.

I will also break young horses to all kinds of work, in the best manner, and by the most approved system. Perfect satisfaction given, or no charge made. Give me a call.
J. A. KINCAID.

1866. THE LADY'S FRIEND—

devoted to LITERATURE and FASHION. \$2.50 a year. We give WHEELER & WILSON'S celebrated \$55 Sewing Machines on the following terms:—
Twenty copies and the Sewing Machines. \$70.
Thirty copies " " " " " \$85.
Forty copies " " " " " \$100
Send 15 cents for a sample copy to DEACON A. PETERSON, 319 Walnut Street, Philadelphia

TO CONSUMPTIVES.

The advertiser, having been restored to health in a few weeks by a very simple remedy, after having suffered for several years with a severe lung affection, and that dread disease, Consumption—is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means.

To all who desire it, he will send a copy of the prescription used (free of charge), with the directions for preparing and using the same, which they will find a sure cure for Consumption, Asthma, Bronchitis, Coughs, Colds, and all Throat and Lung Affections. The only object of the advertiser in sending the prescription is to benefit the afflicted, and spread information which he considers to be invaluable, and he hopes every sufferer will try his remedy, as it will cost them nothing, and may prove a blessing.

Parties wishing the Prescription, FREE, by return mail, will please address
Rev. EDWARD A. WILSON,
Williamsburgh, Kings Co., N. Y.

THE BRICAL CHAMBER, an Essay of Warning and Instruction to Young Men—published by the Howard Association, and sent free of charge in sealed envelope. Address, Dr. J. SKILLING HOUGHTON, Howard Association Philadelphia Pa 18 1y.

ERRORS OF YOUTH.

A gentleman who suffered for years from Nervous Debility, Premature Decay, and all the effects of youthful indiscretion, will, for the sake of suffering humanity, send free to all who need it, the recipe and directions for making the simple remedy by which he was cured; suffering wishing to profit by the advertiser's experience, can do so by addressing
JOHN B. OGDEN,
No. 13 Chambers st., New York.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Hardware Store!

HARDWARE

STOVES AND

TIN WAR.

THE UNDERSIGNED having formed a co-partnership, will keep constantly on hand, at Winnebago City, a complete assortment of all kinds of Hardware, demanded in this market, which they will sell at prices as low as the times will admit. Their stock consists, in part of every description of

Shelf, and Heavy Hardware,

TABLE & POCKET CUTLERY, PAINTS

IRON, STEEL, NAILS, GLASS,

CARPENTER TOOLS, PUTTY,

Kerosene Oil, and Lamps,

Farming Tools,

OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS.

PATENT SELF-ADJUSTING

Clothes-wringer.

Stoves,

Tin, Copper & Sheet-iron Ware.

Jobbing done Promptly.

Agents for I. Case & Co's

THRESHERS,

AND

F. F. Smith's Cast Cast-steel Plows

—ALSO—

A Variety of Reapers & Mowers.

ABBOTT & WELCH.

Winnebago City, May 17th, 1865. 29tf

DR. WHITTIER is regularly

educated and legitimately qual-

ified, and has experience in all

forms of disease, a knowledge

quite independent in the treat-

ment of the venereal disease in

all its varied and complicated

forms, and has for years made

the treatment of private diseases his business and

study. Experience has enabled him to procure suffi-

cient, safe, permanent, and in most cases can be used

without hindrance to business.

Particular attention given to all standing cases, such as were considered incurable. Syphilis, in all forms; Gonorrhea, Gleet, Stricture, Orchitis, Ductitis, Bladder and Urinary Diseases. Also, the effects of solitary habits, both ruinous to body and mind, and which produces some of the following effects: Mottled, Bulky Weakness, Constipation, Aversion and Uncertainty in Female Society, Unanimous Dread of Future Events, finally a complete prostration of the vital powers. Loss of memory, ringing in the ears, can be fully restored to health.

All letters, with stamps, answered.

Dr. W. is the publisher of a new work, entitled

"Nip the Evil in the Bud," which will be sent to all on receipt of 10 cents to pre-pay postage.

Consultation free. Charges moderate, and cure guaranteed.

Dr. Whittier cures the very worst kind of rupture in a few weeks.

Post Office Box 2294. Office and Consultation Rooms 161 South Clark street, Chicago. You can see the Doctor every day from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

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GEORGE E. NELSON

wishes to say to the people of Winnebago City, and the neighboring towns, that he has the largest stock of

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LIQUORS.

ever brought into this town. Consisting in part of

Wine, Brandy, Gin,

New England Rum, Bourbon Whiskey,

Bourbon Bitters, Wahoo Bitters,

Plantation Bitters, Hostetter's Bitters,

Whiskey, &c., &c.

He also keeps constantly on hand the best of

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CREAM ALE, & LAGER BEER.

If you want to buy good nice fresh

H

oysters, lobsters

Peaches, Blackberries, Raspberries, or any kinds of CANNED FRUITS, this is the place to get them

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OF CANDIES, both plain and fancy, he has them in endless quantities.

And of NUTS from every clime, he keeps a large supply constantly on hand.

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Don't forget the place. Next door SOUTH of

MOULTON & DEUDON'S

Don't forget the name

Geo. E. Nelson.

Winnebago City, Nov. 15, 1865. 28tf

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

WINNEBAGO CITY, FEB. 14, 1866.

County Orders for sale at this Office.

A new lot of Warranty Deeds just printed and for sale at this office. All kinds of Justice's Blanks.

Galliton Brown of Fairmont offers for sale one hundred tons of first class hay. It is stacked on South Creek, about 13 miles from this place.

Moulton & Deudon are about building a large granary, and when finished they will be prepared to buy all kinds of grain for which they will pay the highest market price in goods or cash. Farmers will bear this in mind.

Good News.—Just received, a new stock of Ladies Cloth Balmoral Skirts, plain and figured Delaines, Prints, &c. We are now offering our Prints, and Sheetings and numerous other articles at reduced prices that we may get rid of them in order to make room for spring stock. Call and see for yourself.

Moulton & Deudon. Snow commenced falling on Sunday last and steadily continued to fall until yesterday (Tuesday). We do not care about seeing any more of this article. The sleighing is already splendid, and we now have more snow in this section than has been known for a number of years.

Every Saturday is the name of a new periodical published weekly by Ticknor & Fields. It contains 32 large octavo pages of choicest reading. Subscription price \$5. Single numbers 10 cents. Every household should contain Every Saturday. Direct to Ticknor & Fields, 124 Fulton street, Boston.

We have thought that we would forbear saying anything more in regard to church matters between the Congregationalists and Presbyterians, as there has been so much kicking over the religious traces, but as both parties have begun to pull together again, and now swear and declare that they will go right at and build a church for Christ's sake, we cordially extend our good wishes and will aid them in every imaginable way that we can.

Garden Seeds.—We heard the other day that Wm. Ballhand of this place is about going into the garden seed business in the spring. The seeds are warranted to give perfect satisfaction. Some of them are imported from a reliable Eastern Wholesale House, and some of his own raising; therefore are just what they are represented to be. From what we know of Billy, and our acquaintance is of no short period, he is a perfectly reliable man, and deserves the patronage of the public, which he will undoubtedly receive. When he gets his business fairly started of course he will give the public due notice through our columns.

New Saw Mill.—Mr. Blackmer of this town has got his saw mill in fine running order, and is now prepared to fill all orders for lumber that may be left with him. We have seen a specimen of his works, and the only recommendation we can give it is, it is the best we have ever seen. His mill is situated on the Blue Earth river about four miles North of this place.

Row.—Quite a riot took place in town last Saturday night between some teamsters, arising from a man stealing a buffalo robe from his comrades and selling it. The robe was demanded, and after a short search was found, and then came the "tug of war." We will not give full details as it would be useless, but after the fight was over the Porter was directed to place things in order in the room, when he found the following bill of goods:

The seat of a pair of gray breeches, Stale of a meerschaum pipe, one fur cap, one pair spectacles, two tobacco boxes, one stoga boot, one coat skirt, some blood, a large amount of hair (buffalo), and a great deal of other stuff not worth mentioning. We hope justice will be done to all parties.

The man that done the "punching" during the row on Saturday eve was arrested and tried before Justice Kimball. The victim plead guilty to save cost, the squire after due deliberation told the prisoner that he fined him in the sum of \$8.50. The prisoner coolly said "find it, then, for I'll be d—d if I can." The squire didn't find it, neither did he commit the prisoner and on Sunday morning the latter started for Sioux City "scot free." Singular way of doing business, this. Query, who pays to the School fund the \$8.50? We guess the squire got his "foot in it" that time.

P. S. The court in the above case,

after a close re-survey of the case on hand, and after due deliberation, resolved itself into a secret session of some fifteen hours duration, after or during which, it came to the very strange conclusion that it ought to have committed the prisoner. Accordingly on Monday it made out the necessary commitment papers and put them in the hands of the Sheriff with instructions to arrest the prisoner or collect the fine. As the prisoner is what they call a "tuff kuss," the Sheriff took a suitable escort and followed the individual, after going a few miles who should they meet but the very man they were looking after, who said he was coming back to settle up the affair. Strange to say not a drop of blood was spilled.

NEWS ITEMS.

Important Pension Decisions. WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The House Committee on Invalid Pensions, to-day through Mr. Perham, of Maine, reported adversely to the widow of Major Gen. E. V. Sumner, praying for an increase of pensions from \$30 to \$50. The committee could not consent to an increase of pensions to those who are receiving \$30 per month, while so many poor widows of common soldiers are receiving only \$8. This is supposed to settle a large class of claims of the same kind now before the committee.

The same committee made an adverse report on the petition of McLain. The petition sets forth that Capt. McLain, while he was commissioned only as Capt., was, at the time of his death, acting in the capacity of Lieutenant Colonel, and prays that the widow may receive a pension corresponding to the position in which he was acting at the time of his death. The report states that during the war many officers were killed or wounded while exercising a higher command than that for which they were commissioned or mustered into, and that the law is opposed to granting pensions for a higher rank than that for which the officer was actually commissioned. As there was no opposition to the report in the House it is supposed that all similar cases before the committee will be disposed of in the same way.

Important Bounty Decision. The following communication from Hon. J. Brodhead, Second Comptroller, was addressed to the Paymaster General on the 30th of last month:

It has been brought to my notice that certain claim agents are advertising that they are engaged in the collection of "Extra Bounty" from two to three hundred dollars for soldiers who enlisted in 1861 and '62, and all other times when only \$100 was paid, and are thus fraudulently obtaining possession of soldiers' discharges. In no cases, except that of Veterans, has the extra bounty referred to been authorized, nor can it be paid without further legislation, and it is very important that soldiers should not part with their discharges through a misrepresentation of their rights. I would, therefore, respectfully suggest the propriety of giving official notice that in no case except as above, is a soldier who enlisted prior to June 25, 1863, entitled to more than \$100 bounty.

Frightful Progress of the cattle Plague.

A Washington dispatch to the New York Tribune says, the United States Consul at Manchester, England, under date of Jan. 6, informs the Department of State that the cattle disease had made frightful progress. The cases for the week ending the day of his dispatch being 7,693, an increase of 1,437 upon the returns of the previous week. He reports that the authorities are making every exertion possible to restrain the plague, but without the slightest appearance of success. The disease, he asserts, has been discovered to bear some striking analogies to small-pox, and many experiments in vaccination are being made. He says many of the towns prohibit driving in beeves for slaughter, and require that they shall be killed where fed, and the meat only brought to market. The whole number of cases thus far reported for England alone is 73,549, and of this number 55,422 have either died or been killed.

Pittsburg, Feb. 5.—The depot of the Alleghany Valley Railroad, at Lawrenceville, near Pittsburg, including the round house, carpenter shop, engine shop and blacksmith shop, with eleven locomotives, was totally destroyed by fire this morning at four o'clock. No insurance. Loss unknown, but very heavy.

NEW STORE!

New Goods!

Just received in the new room adjoining Mr. Richardson's Grocery store, an entire new stock of all varieties and styles of

Dry Goods, Delains, Alpacaes, Paramattas, French Merinos, Fancy Dress Goods, Prints, &c. &c. A great variety of FLANNELS. A fine stock and good assortment of

CLOTHS!!!

Cassimeres, Satinets, Cottonades &c, &c. Ladies Cloaking Shawls. Bal moral skirts, Hoop skirts,

HOSIERY IN ABUNDANCE.

Buck Gloves & Mittens.

Table Damask, in endless variety. Sheetings, Shirtings, Toweling, &c. &c. a fine stock of

CLOTHING,

and Gentlemen's underwear, and a fine variety of

HATS & CAPS.

Our room is not very capacious, but we will endeavor to keep it full, and with such goods as the people want. We hope in the trying to have a more commodious room.

We invite all to call and see us and our goods in the new store next door

South of Richardson's Grocery.

Winnebago City, Nov. 15, 1865.

44m3 JAMES JOHNSON.

Fall & Winter

TRADE!

H. P. CHRISTENSEN & BROS., Mankato, Minn.,

Call the special attention of the citizens of Fairbault and Martin counties to their extensive stock of new

FALL & WINTER GOODS,

embracing every variety of

DRY GOODS,

Clothing, Groceries, Crockery,

Hats & caps, Ladies Shoes,

and a large assortment of

Notions & Toys!

Their entire stock was selected with great care and with special reference to the wants of Minnesotans.

The favorable circumstances under which their purchases were made, enables them to sell at Very Low Prices, and the public may be assured that they under no circumstances, will be undersold.

They ask the public to examine their goods before buying elsewhere.

C. SH Paid for WHEAT!

CHRISTENSEN & BROS.

Mankato, Nov. 21st, 1865.

NEW STORE!

A. D. MASON has just opened a new store at

VERNON CENTRE

consisting in every variety of

Dry Goods,

Hoop Skirts,

Balmorals,

Cloths, &c.

He has also a fine assortment of Ready Made CLOTHING, Hats and Caps, and plenty of

Boots & Shoes.

I am determined not to be undersold by any firm this side of St. Paul. The patronage of the public is respectfully solicited.

Adm3 A. D. MASON.

Foundry & Machine Shop.

The Mankato Foundry and Machine shop is now in operation, and we are prepared to MAKE & REPAIR MACHINERY of every description. Steam engines, Threshing Machines, Reapers, Farming Implements, &c. &c. We also make all kinds of iron and brass castings. Repairing metal always on hand. Orders solicited and promptly attended to.

Old Iron, Brass and Copper wanted, for which the highest price will be paid

Wm. T. BARNEY, & Co.

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FAIRBANK'S STANDARD Scales

Choice First Class Insurance

Against Loss by FIRE, by the

ETNA INSURANCE COMPANY

Of Hartford, Conn. Incorporated 1819. Chartered Perpetual.

The ETNA Insurance Company would call the attention of the public to the following facts:

A heavy cash capital, with Assets amounting to

\$3,401,938.56

Has transacted business successfully Forty-nine years, and continues to progress in Wealth and Vitality. Has paid an aggregate loss of \$15,724,880 58

The ETNA is organized on a National Basis; with reliable Local agents, and occupies an enviable reputation, equal to all the emergencies it undertakes, worthy the

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SELECT POETRY.

A Score of Years Ago.

Down by the breaking waves we stood,
Upon the rocky shore;

The brave waves whispered courage,
And bid with friendly roar

The faltering words that told the tale
I dared not tell before.

I said it with the priceless gift,
Her love with life she'd bless;

Was it her voice, or some fair wave--
For sooth, I scarce may guess--

Some murmuring wave, or her sweet voice,
That lisp'd so sweetly "Yes."

And then, in happy silence, too,
I clasp'd her fair wet hand;

And long we stood there, earnestly,
While o'er the darkening land

The sun set, and the fishing boats
Were sailing from the strand.

It seemed not many days ago--
Like yesterday--no more,

Since then we stood, my love and I,
Upon the rocky shore,

But I was four-and-twenty THEN,
And now I'm forty-four.

The lily hand is thinner now,
And in her sunny hair

I see some silvery lines, and on
Her brow some lines of care;

But wrinkled brow, or silver locks,
She's not one whit less fair,

The fishing boats a score of years
Go sailing from the strand;

The crimson sun a score of years
Sets o'er the darkening land,

And here to-night upon the cliff
We're standing hand in hand.

"My darling, there's our eldest girl,
Down on the rocks below!"

What's Stanley doing by her side?
My wife says, "you should know!"

He's telling her what you told me
A score of years ago."

[From the Atlantic Monthly.]

Wind the Clock.

Warden wind the clock again;
Mighty years are going on.

Through the shadow and the dream
And the happy hearted dawn

Wind again, wind again--
Fifty hundred years are gone.

Through the harvest and the need,
Wealthy June and Dewy May,

Grew the new year from the old,
Grew to-morrow from to-day.

Wind again, wind again--
Who can keep the years at bay?

Four-and-twenty conjurers
Lie in wait on land and sea,

Plucking down the startled ship,
And embroiling the tree.

Wind again, wind again--
We have neither ship nor tree.

Four-and-twenty kings to come
Up the never vacant stair--

Four-and-twenty dead go down,
Follow, sacred song and prayer.

Wind again, wind again--
Warden, why delaying there?

To his interrupted dream,
Come the long entreated day,

What are lesser words to him?
Sweet pulsing voices say--

"Warden wind, wind again,
Up the ever golden way."

Other hands will wind the clock
While the frequent years go on,

Never nothing need or name
Nor the rupture of the dawn.

Wind again, wind again,
Ere the given year be gone.

A poetical contributor to the Burlington
Free Press, thus apostrophizes the prairies:

Great western waste of bottom land
Plot as a panacea, rich as grease!

Where grubs are full as big as toads,
And skeletons are as big as geese!

O, lonesome, windy, grassy place,
Where buffaloes and snakes prevail!

The first with dreadful looking face,
The last with dreadful sounding tail!

I'd rather live on Camel's rump,
And be a Yankee doodle beggar,

Than where they never see a stump,
And shake to death with fever'n ager.

An Englishman, speaking in favor
of his own country, said to Dr. Thomp-

son: "You have no coal, and it is this that
gives to England its manufacturing im-

portance."

The Doctor replied: "We are not altogether destitute of
coal. We have one small bed, called

the coal field of Illinois, which is larger
than the whole of England. If you

wait till we scoop some of it out and
then bring your island over, we will

drop it in and annex you."

What is the difference between a hon-
ey-moon and a honey-moon? A hon-

ey-moon consists of a number of "small
cells," and a honey-moon consists of one

"stupendous cell."

A paper in Southern Illinois tells of
a young woman who appeared before a

magistrate the day after her marriage,
and complained that her husband had

been "taking liberties with her."

Protection of Civil Rights.

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THE HOMESTEAD



WINNEBAGO CITY, MINN.

FEBRUARY 21 1866.

J. L. CHRISTIE Editor.

TERRIBLE SUFFERING.

Six Persons Dreadfully Frozen.

Three of them frozen to death.

Other members of the party lose hands and feet by Amputation.

They are lost on the prairies two nights and one day.

On Tuesday evening of last week commenced the hardest storm of the winter, and in fact of any other winter. Our oldest settlers say they never witnessed such a storm. On this evening the people, or rather the young people, of Chain Lake Centre in Martin county met at their school house to attend singing school. None noticed the rapidity with which the storm was increasing, until about eight o'clock, at which time it was storming pretty hard. The members present of two families—Mr. Presler and Landaker—and six in number, seeing the storm was likely to prove a severe one, got up and went out of the school and got up their team and started home. Of this party three were young ladies, between the ages of 16 and 20; two of whom were the daughters of Mr. Landaker, and the other daughter of Mr. Presler. The other three were boys between the ages of twelve and eighteen years. After leaving the school house they got along very well for about one mile, when they got out of the road and into a large snow drift, and here the team got stuck so that they could neither go through it or back out of it. As they had only an ox team it had taken them some considerable time to go even this short distance. The storm was now raging most furiously, and they had now become fully convinced that they were lost; with this conviction came the very worst thing for them—despondency.

They knew that they could not be more than a half or three quarters of a mile from their homes, yet which way to travel to reach that home, no one of the party could tell. They could not see a rod distant, and on which side of them lay the road, could only be guessed at. By this time the ladies had become thoroughly chilled through, having sat in the sled all the while and taking no exercise. The boys had also become very cold and completely exhausted endeavoring to extricate the team. After another fruitless search for the road, the boys returned to the sled, got into it, laid down and covered themselves as well as they could to await the morning light, when they thought the storm would abate and they could then find their way home.

The morning at length dawned, but it brought no abatement of the storm; on the contrary, it had, if possible, increased. Even with daylight they could see but a few yards distance, so dense was the drifting snow. Renewed efforts were made to rid themselves of the drift and to find the road, and again those efforts proved useless.

Loudly throughout that long and tedious day did they cry for help in the vain hope that some one might come within hearing of their voice; but the echoes of their own voice, hurled back to them by the furious wind, was their only answer.

The shades of night were again gathering over them, and still no deliverance came, neither did the storm seem to abate its fury. By this time the young ladies had become entirely helpless, as was also the two oldest boys. The other boy, a lad about twelve years of age, concluded to use the drifting snow as a covering, and so laid him down beside the sled and allowed the snow to drift over him. He remained thus till the storm abated, Thursday morning. During all this time the parents of the young folks had given themselves but little uneasiness concerning

them, thinking that they had of course taken refuge from the storm at some of the neighbors. On Thursday morning, however, as they did not come home, one of the parental heads, (Mr. Landaker, we believe,) told his wife he would go to the neighbors house where he supposed they were, and help them home. After he had gone about half a mile he thought he heard the cry of some one. He stopped and listened and soon heard the faint appeal for help, again. The voice was very faint still he recognized it as that of his son. He followed in the direction from which the sound came, and soon discovered the party. The boy had extricated himself from his bed of snow, and though very weak, had been able, by almost superhuman effort, to make his father hear his cries for help.

When Mr. Landaker reached the party, the three young ladies were dead and frozen stiff, and the two oldest boys utterly helpless, their feet, hands and face being dreadfully frozen. He took both the living and the dead into his own sled and drove home as fast as possible, and immediately administered all possible relief to the living.

At our latest accounts from these poor unfortunates, the boys were all alive, but the two oldest had each been so badly frozen that to save life, amputation of both hands and feet had become necessary, and the surgical operation had been performed. The other boy was but slightly frozen, or at least slightly in comparison to the rest of the party. It is not thought he will lose any member of his body.

This is the most heartrending instance of freezing, it has ever been our sad duty to record. As their parents supposed they had taken shelter at some of the neighbors, and those at the school house thought that as they only had a mile and a half to go, they could reach home safely, of course no search was made for them. We will not attempt to describe either their feelings or sufferings during those two nights and day, for we cannot do it, pen cannot write it, the mind can scarcely imagine it. The grief of the parents is terrible. They almost totally refuse to be comforted, or reconsoled to the loss of their children.

The other members of the singing school, seeing with what fury the storm was raging, wisely decided to remain where they were—in the school house. They remained there from Tuesday evening till about noon of Thursday, when they made a break and all reached their homes safely.

From about nine o'clock on Tuesday evening, till dark of Wednesday the wind blew a perfect gale, with the thermometer ranging from 18 to 20 degrees below zero, and on Thursday morning the thermometer indicated 30 degrees below zero, making it by far the most severe storm ever known in the State.

The following sharp colloquy between Mr. Donnelly of this State and Mr. Rousseau of Kentucky, which took place while the former was on the floor of the Congress, making a speech on the Freedmen's Bureau Bill clearly defines the position of the two gentlemen upon the suffrage question. During his speech Mr. Donnelly made a statement showing by the census reports of 1860 the number of illiterate persons in the United States, and showing how they are divided, a large majority of whom it will be seen reside in the South.

The United States, with a population of 27,000,000, contains 835,106 illiterate persons, and of these 545,177 are found in the southern States with a population of 12,000,000. In other words, the entire populous North contains but 288,923, while the sparsely settled South contains 545,177.

After this statement came the numerous pointed questions by Mr. Rousseau, which were as pointedly answered by Mr. Donnelly.

Mr. Rousseau. I desire to ask the gentleman if, notwithstanding all that ignorance, he wants to add to it by allowing the colored people to vote.

Mr. Donnelly. In answer to that I will say that I have offered an amendment which provides that it shall be the principal duty of the Freedmen's Bureau to educate that negro population and so fit them eventually for the right of suffrage. And the amendment at the same time leaves the door open for white refugees. So that while I am stating an evil I am proposing a remedy.

Mr. R. Is the gentleman in favor of allowing the right of suffrage to the colored people in the southern States at this time?

Mr. D. When that question comes up

for action, I shall be prepared to express an opinion. In the meantime I will say that I am prepared to follow the course indicated by the distinguished gentlemen from Pennsylvania [Mr. Stephens] in his remarks on yesterday, that we must first prepare and fit the people of the South for the right of suffrage by the education of the mind of the South.

Now, having answered the question of the gentlemen in reference to that portion of our population that throughout the war sympathized with the cause of the Union, I will ask him a question. Is he prepared to extend the right of suffrage to that portion of the population that constantly fought against the Union and sought to destroy it, and who, as I have shown by these statistics are, the great bulk of them, equally ignorant with the blacks? I would like to answer from the gentleman.

Mr. R. I am in favor of allowing those to vote who have been engaged in the rebellion against the Government, provided they have been pardoned by the Executive and are now for the Government.

Mr. D. I would ask the gentleman, as a question of principle, whether an executive pardon is able to change the minds and hearts of men? Whether a rebel with a pardon in his pocket is not just as rank a rebel as before he received it?

Mr. R. I would ask the gentleman whether he has ever done anything more than make speeches to put down the rebellion?

Mr. D. I will answer that question by saying that when this great civil war was in its full strength, and the great political issue was whether this Union should be maintained by the re-election of Abraham Lincoln to the presidential chair; I did yeoman service to secure that result; which more than anything else, more than armies or battles, tended to crush out the rebellion, by proving distinctly to the South that the cause of the South was forever hopeless. I hold that the man who fought copperheads is entitled to as much credit as the man who fought rebels.

Mr. R. I desire to ask the gentleman whether he sustains the policy of Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson, as I approve it.

Mr. D. I do adhere to the policy of Abraham Lincoln, as I understand it, and of Andrew Johnson, as I approve it.

Mr. R. How much of Andrew Johnson's policy does the gentleman approve?

Mr. D. So much as tends to the preservation of the Union and the maintenance of the liberty and equal rights of every man living under the shadow of our flag.

Mr. R. I ask the gentleman whether he does not approve of Andrew Johnson's policy, so far as the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Stephens] approves of it.

Mr. D. I approve of Andrew Johnson's policy as enunciated in his speech at Nashville, in which he told the back men that if they had no other Moses he would be their Moses. [Applause.] I ask the gentleman whether he approves that portion of Andrew Johnson's policy.

Mr. R. If any man wants to be a Moses in behalf of the colored race, I am in favor of his assuming that character.

Mr. D. I will ask whether the gentleman wants Andrew Johnson to be such a Moses?

Mr. R. Certainly when it is necessary. Will that gratify the gentleman?

Mr. D. It will gratify me and the country too.

Toward the close of the speech, Mr. Rousseau again interposed the following query:

Mr. R. I wish to ask the gentleman whether he favored negro suffrage and voted for it at the last election in his State?

Mr. D. I am proud to say that I not only voted for it, but that I drew the resolution which was passed by the Republican State Convention of Minnesota, endorsing that doctrine; and that I canvassed two thirds of the territory of that State in behalf of it, and, thank God, I am ready to do so again to-morrow.

A Sad and Afflicted Family.

Two weeks ago last Friday, was one of the coldest days that Minnesota has heir to. We have heard of many who froze to death on that memorable day in different parts of the State, but no case has come before us more sickening and heart-rending than that which occurred, on that day, in the south part of this county. A Mr. Greif

and family, of six children, started to move from their old house to a new one about six miles distant. They proceeded on without much difficulty to within about 40 rods of their new home when the horses got into a large snow drift and could neither get back or forward. Mr. Greif got out and loosened the horses from the sleigh. They then took the baby and wrapped it up in a feather bed, and left it in the sleigh, and the rest started for the house. The father and one boy took one horse and started for the house, and the mother and other children proposed to go on foot. The father had his hands and feet so badly frozen that they have become dead, and will have to be amputated. The baby was afterwards got home all safe. Mrs. Greif has had one hand amputated, and Dr. Ware, who is attending them, says she must lose the other hand feet. Two children froze their hands and feet and must lose them, as they are already dead. Mr. Oppiger and Mr. King visited the afflicted family, and carried them some of the comforts of life, to keep them from starving. We learn from the Owatonna Gymnastic Association, although small in number have voted to raise \$50 for the family, out of the Association, and also to hold a Ball next Tuesday evening, at the City Brewery, for the benefit of Mr. Greif and family. This Association have done nobly, and are engaged in a praiseworthy enterprise. Here is an opportunity for the philanthropic to exercise his benevolent faculties. Let all throw in their mite to relieve this sorely afflicted family. They need our sympathy and aid, and he or she who with holds it will be held responsible to the Great Giver of all our mercies. Persons who wish to give can hand in whatever they may have of clothing or produce, to J. Newsalt.—Owatonna Plaindealer.

Horrible Accident—A Young Girl Roasted Alive.

From the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Democrat, 25th. A shocking accident, resulted in the death of a young lady, occurred in Hopkings, Allegan county, Mich., on the 1st inst. Miss Adeline Hill, aged 14 years, only daughter of Isaac Hill, started for school on the morning of that day, and had not got more than 40 rods, when a puff of smoke came up from under her clothes, immediately followed by a flame of fire. She ran to a snow drift close by, with the intention of rolling herself in the snow and thus putting out the fire, but owing to the hardness of the crust, she was unable to do so, and she started, completely enveloped in flames from her burning clothes, for home, screaming as she ran, for help.

Mrs. Bradley, a neighbor, hearing her screams, hastened to the assistance of the poor girl. When she reached the burning victim, the agony of the girl was so intense that she seized her friend around the neck, beseeching her for help. Here, Mrs. B. seeing not only the perilous condition of the girl but of herself, broke from the embrace of the distracted sufferer, and with great difficulty kept her at arm's length until she succeeded in tearing her garments from the suffering girl. The poor girl was burned to a crisp from her feet to her waist; her stockings and under clothing having been burned completely off her person. The girl lived in terrible agony until the morning of the 3d inst., when she died.

A Dream.

Probably no one will enjoy the subjoined "goak" with more relish than "Old Thad" himself, who is so cordially hated by the seceders, and who so cordially reciprocates their affection: From the Natchez Courier.

A few nights since a friend of mine, while wrapped in the slumbers of mid-night, "dreamed a dream," and imagined he was on a pleasure excursion to the infernal regions. His sight was regaled with many scenes novel, strange and undreamed of in the philosophy of man. While in the reception room of his majesty, the pleasant little imp who acts as usher, announced "Thaddens Stephens."

Satan actually trembled in his sulphurous boots, and quick uprising said: "What, that noisy fellow from Pennsylvania?"

"Yes," said the usher.

"Send him back! send him back!" cried Satan. "There is no place for him here."

Satan walked the floor with rapid strides for a few moments, when suddenly he stopped and said: "I have it! He may have a few bushels of brimstone and a box of matches, and go off and start a little hell of his own."

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BY virtue of an execution issued out of the District Court in and for the county of Blue Earth, Sixth Judicial District, State of Minnesota, dated the 30th day of January, 1866, to me directed and delivered upon a judgment rendered and docketed in said county on the 27th day of September 1865, in an action wherein Daniel Campbell is plaintiff, and James Sherlock is defendant, in favor of the plaintiff, and against said defendant for the sum of two hundred and forty-nine dollars and seventy-five cents (\$249.75) a transcript of which judgment was filed in the office of the Clerk of the District Court in and for Faribault County, and the said judgment therein docketed on the second day of October, 1865, and an attachment having been issued in said action and to the sheriff of said county delivered, by virtue of which said sheriff did on the first day of July 1866, seize and attach the following described Real Estate situated in the said county of Faribault, to wit:

The west half of the south east quarter of section thirty-five (35) in township one hundred and four (104), North, of Range twenty-eight (28) West, and all the right, title and interest of the said defendant therein on that day, I have for want of personal property out of which to make the said execution, levied upon all the right, title and interest which the said James Sherlock had, in or to said premises when they were so attached, and at the date of the docketing of said judgment in Faribault county, or at any time thereafter.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of said execution, I will sell the above described lands and real estate, and all the right title and interest which the said James Sherlock had therein on the first day of July 1866, or at any time thereafter, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as the law directs, at the front door of the office of Register of deeds, in and for the county of Faribault, at Blue Earth City, on the 29th day of March 1866, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to satisfy said execution, together with interest and costs and expense thereon.

Dated February 13th 1866.

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LOCAL AFFAIRS.
WINNEBAGO CITY, FEB. 21, 1866.
County Orders for sale at this Office.

A new lot of *Warranty Deeds* just printed and for sale at this office. Also all kinds of *Justice's Blanks*.

Old Papers for sale at this office. They make good wrapping paper.

Hon. Alex. Ramsey has our thanks for valuable public documents sent us, by him.

Mr. Ira Hill, living on South Creek had four cows and one ox freeze to death on the night of the 14th inst.

Another man living in the same neighborhood, had four oxen freeze to death the same night.

Arrived.—Jason C. Easton arrived in town direct from Chatfield, on Sunday last. Guess Jason's morals have taken a tumble lately.

Mr. Ballandi will please accept our thanks for that fine lot of "native" tobacco, he left at our office the other day. It is very nice.

The frame work to the new Blacksmith shop which was erected a few days since was blown down on Wednesday last by the gale that so furiously raged on that day. The timbers were badly damaged, new ones being necessary in many instances.

Two young ladies who lived on South Creek, and some ten or twelve miles from this place, were frozen to death on Wednesday night last, while in their own house and in bed. We have not been able to learn the names of the ladies, nor any of the particulars.

Mr. Lyman Skinner of Verona, had frozen to death on Wednesday night last, one cow, one fat hog, and one good horse.

A man living at Minnesota Lake had one yoke of oxen frozen to death the same night. Verily that was a dreadful storm.

During the storm on Tuesday night of last week, the wind blew open our office door, tearing the floor up at the bottom where the bolt went into it to hold them shut. On Wednesday morning we found our floor covered with snow to the depth of about two inches, and every case in the office filled with snow. We didn't set type on Wednesday.

R. B. Johnson has sold his dwelling house in this village, to A. A. Huntington Esq. Mr. H. takes possession the first of March, at which time Mr. Johnson removes to Blue Earth City, he being the Treasurer elect for this county, and the law requiring him to live at the county seat.

The celebrated "Thomas Thumms" exhibited himself in this place on Tuesday evening the 13th inst. He did not succeed in victimizing many of our citizens. As his audience numbered but about thirty persons, and as he had cut the admission fee down to 25 cents, Thomas was the party victimized.

We would suggest to our young friend Fred Harlow, that he withdraw his name from the list of brokers. It evidently makes our illustrious Chatfield sharper feel bad to see any other person than himself, try to do any business in that line. Lookout, Fred, or he will serve you some such mean trick as he did us a year ago, shortly after we commenced in the Broker business.

By reference elsewhere it will be seen that Nichols & Brown of Fairmount, offer for sale some valuable tracts of farming land.

Also that Mr. Brown has charge of the town site of the town of Fairmount. Mr. B. holds out flattering inducements to settlers generally and business men in particular.

Mr. Brown also offers for sale, and at a great bargain, a splendid farm horse. After reading these notices, the public will govern themselves accordingly.

Any one sending us any item of news in this or Martin county, will receive our thanks for the same. There are many items that might be gathered up in the country round about, that would be interesting to our readers, that we never get, or at least not till after they become old. We wish to get up a good local paper, and in order to do this, we invite any one to send us any local news that may come under their observation. The real name of the writer must accompany such letters, not necessarily for publication, however, but that we may know from whom they come.

A new game has been introduced into our usually quiet and peaceable town. The appellation given it is, the "Knock down Game." It requires, at least, two parties to play the game, but any number above this may also play, but usually only two at a time are engaged. We believe Saturday of each week is the day set apart for this amusement. It commenced one week ago last Saturday, by a couple of men. Last Saturday a couple of boys or very young men took a hand. As we do not know the names of both parties, we will not give either. The game usually commences by one of the parties calling the other a liar, or some such endearing appellation, when party No 2 knocks No 1 down, No 1 gets up and the game is then fairly begun, and continues till one of the parties declares that he has got enough. In most cases poor whis key is the true cause and originator of this game, and before the game is entirely over, not unfrequently "lays out" both parties. The main objection we have to the game is, it is bad business for the eyes. The belts received in this childish amusement are generally received in the eyes or mouth, one party often receiving as many as a dozen "belts" in one engagement. No names are yet reported for the next engagement.

Our friend Eugene Huntington and family came near perishing during the storm of last week. He with his family and cousin, Henry Huntington attended a surprise party at the house of Mr. Thacher living about six miles west of this place. About eleven o'clock in the evening Mr. Huntington got up his team, and notwithstanding the severity of the storm started for his home. After going a short distance he encountered a snow drift, when his horses refused to go farther. His cousin Henry declared it would be impossible for them to get home in such a storm, and told Eugene to stay there with the team and he would go back and get some help and they would all go back to the house Henry started for the house which he, with great difficulty reached by keeping beside a fence and using it as a guide. When he reached the house he told the party there that he wanted some help to get Eugene and family back to the house. A number started, with Henry for a guide, and soon reached the place where Henry had left the team, but it was gone. After a short search they discovered Eugene who had got his horses started again and was going across a plowed field in a directly opposite direction from that he ought to have gone, and which he thought he was going. After much persuasion Eugene was induced to turn round and be guided by the other parties, who after much labor and suffering from cold finally succeeded in getting the family and team back to Mr. Thacher's. A counsel was then held, and it was decided they would all remain where they were till the storm was over, so the entire party thirty-six in number, remained with Mr. Thacher till Thursday about noon, when they dispersed, and all succeeded in reaching their homes in safety.

"Ma-ma," asked a little four year old girl of our acquaintance, a few days since, "did God make me?" "Yes, my darling," replied the fond mother. "Well, did God make everybody, and all things?" still queried little Gerty. She was informed that God was the maker of all things. The little thing sat very quietly for a number of minutes, evidently in deep thought. At length she looked up with the expression of doubt overshadowing her sweet little face, and said, "Well, ma-ma, I want to know if God really did make your waterfull?" This was, of course, a stunner, and ma-ma replied by saying it was time for little Gerty to go to bed.

Horse for Sale!!
Galliton Brown of Fairmount has a splendid farm horse, large and heavy, which he wishes to dispose of either by sale or trade. A rare bargain may be had by applying immediately. GALLITON BROWN.

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Notice!!
The undersigned takes this method of informing the public generally, and migrants in particular, that he has full control of the town site of the town of Fairmount Martin Co. Minn. Those wishing to make improvements, or start a laudable business can find inducements to do so, to their advantage by calling on me. GALLITON BROWN.

Notice.—All persons indebted to E. DURSIE are respectfully invited to call and settle up by the first of next month. E. DURSIE.

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Just received in the new room adjoining Mr. Richardson's Grocery store, an entire new stock of all varieties and styles of

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A great variety of FLANNELS. A fine stock and good assortment of

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Our room is not very spacious, but we will endeavor to keep it full, and with such goods as the people want. We hope in the spring to have a more commodious room.
We invite all to call and see us and our goods in the new store next door
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Calls the special attention of the citizens of Fairmount and Martin counties to their extensive stock of new

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I am indebted to the public for the patronage of the public is respectfully solicited.
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5 wks	5.00	7.50	12.50	15.00	25.00	50.00
6 wks	6.00	9.00	15.00	18.00	30.00	60.00
7 wks	7.00	10.50	17.50	21.00	35.00	70.00
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And both were in a petticoat!

O, hoops! O, skirts! O, woman's things!

O, cotton pads! O, pins and strings!

Lord! how much sin

Will pack within

The circle of a petticoat!

Is this that "Man of Destiny"—

That baldest star whose blazing train

Plumed through the ages yet to be,

And turned the gaze's brain?

Is this that chief whose mighty wars

Shook from their sphere the clustered stars?

Ah, me! how much the Gops will doat

Hereafter on a petticoat!

O, spindle shanks! O, skinny arms!

O, boots and spurs! O, fabled charms!

O, cheat and sin

Enclosed within

The circle of that petticoat!

Is this the high and mighty one

Whose impious fury dared to smite

The God of Freedom on his throne,

And challenge Fate's despotic?

The fiend, whose empire thirst survives

The blood of half a million lives,

Whose ghosts by field, and trench, and moat,

Jibe at that coward petticoat?

O, greatness, with its bosom bare—

(No milk of human kindness there!)

O, my! how thin

The legs within

The promise of that petticoat!

The Indian Sepoy, when his blow

Reckoned upon his own dark breast,

Like jungle tiger faced his foe,

And roared his worst of best,

No whimping woman in his path,

The scourge of Caucasians braved his fate.

How will that "darker" seem to note

His initiator's petticoat?

O, lean of soul as lean of limb!

Thy meager soul will crawl to him!

Winking thy thin

FEBRUARY 28 1866.

"Pap" Johnson's Veto.

"Old Pap Johnson," alias President Johnson, is the only one of the "Four Freedoms" who is not a member of the "Four Big Boys."

The fact is, President Johnson is
ing to ride two horses at the same
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throw him ere long. He can hold
one "hand" and that he must show
play. He can not ride with a foot
each party ship; there is a gulf be-
tween them he cannot straddle.
must choose which he will serve,
and justice, or traitors and the Devil.
If he has come out on the side of
latter firm, let him say so in so many

not go, expected company, and begged to be excused. As she was a nice girl, of course I excused her. I where now, whispered the spirit. I would stop at Miss Y—s. I she would go, and I believed I rather have her than Miss Q— way. "Miss Y—, would you the honor of my company," &c. (a little frustrated). Miss Y— some very good excuse, "was so could not go, hoped to be at lib-

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Cotillion Party.—Messrs. Kimball & Root, hereby give notice to all lovers of amusement that they will give a grand Cotillion party at Moulton's Hall in this place, on next Wednesday eve, March 7th. Supper to be served at their Hotel. The best music the country affords will be in attendance. Tickets \$2.00. A general invitation is extended.
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The things that run the Blue Earth Stage line have evidently become very wroth at us because we have been showing to the public their swindling propensities. Fellows, you may cuss and swear all you have a mind to, it won't change our views on this monopoly question one iota. We have, and shall continue to speak our thoughts regarding this subject. In doing as we have done, we not only express our own views upon this question, but we speak the mind of the public generally. Your charges for carrying freight over your line, are exorbitant and beyond all reason. Your own agents are really ashamed to collect your bills. For our first article you allowed us twenty-five cents for the "puff" as you termed it. You probably thought this would stop us, but it did not. For our second article you doubled the original charges. But this will not stop us. You are wrong, we are right. You represent only yourselves, we represent the people. As it has always been our intention to work for the best interest of our supporters, and advocate that which is inclined to benefit the public generally, we shall not drop this question so long as there is a ghost of a chance for a reformation.

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We endured these high rates without a murmur, as long as we could, but when they kept increasing instead of diminishing, silence ceased to be a virtue, and we entered our protest against them. Although we shall cease to patronize your line so far as we are personally concerned, we shall not cease to expose your unfair transactions. When you commence charging \$2.00 per hundred for carrying freight 33 miles, you have forfeited all claims to the public support. We shall hereafter, have our freight carried by private conveyance, and we would recommend to the people along this route, that they adopt the same plan. You can no longer rely on our articles by doubling your freight bills. There are two journals published in your town, why don't you come out like men, and defend yourselves through their columns, and not try to stop our pen by extra charging. We will give you space to reply to us, through our own columns if it would suit you better. We earnestly ask the merchants and other tradesmen, and also who are not in any permanent business, to assist us in putting down this monopoly. It can be easily done by employing private individuals to carry our freight between Blue Earth City and Mankato, or by putting on an independent company. Will you assist in crushing the present monopoly or quietly submit to the swindle? Look at this question in a pecuniary point of view, and decide which would be the most to your interest. Our columns are free to any parties that may wish to express their views upon this subject.

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Literary Notices.

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